

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TOWN BOARD
OF THE TOWN OF NEW CASTLE
TUESDAY, May 2, 2023**

PRESENT: Lisa S. Katz, Supervisor
Victoria Tipp, Deputy Supervisor
Alexandra Chemtob, Council Member
Holly McCall, Council Member
Jeremy Saland, Council Member

Resolution in Opposition to the Discharge of Contaminated Water into the Hudson River

Council Member Chemtob moved, seconded by Deputy Supervisor Tipp, to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Holtec International, the company decommissioning the Indian Point nuclear power plant, has announced its intention to release radioactive wastewater from onsite fuel pools into the Hudson River; and

WHEREAS, to date there has been no specific reporting of the radionuclide contents of this water which is heavily contaminated from the storage of the nuclear fuel waste; and

WHEREAS, pre-release filtration to remove these isotopes has been presented as a solution to reduce the content of these carcinogenic contaminants to a level "as low as reasonably achievable;" and

WHEREAS, the National Academy of Science has indicated that there is no verifiable safe level of these isotopes when they are ingested or inhaled and such pre-release treatment would not remove tritium, also carcinogenic, from the water; and

WHEREAS, any contaminants in the Hudson River present the risk of entering the food chain; and

WHEREAS, there are community members who depend on fish from the river as a food source, and in addition, there are seven communities upriver who source their drinking water from the Hudson River; and

WHEREAS, since the Hudson River is an estuary that flows from south to north as well as from north to south, this fact must be considered; and

WHEREAS, the Hudson River also serves as a source of recreational activities and represents an economic resource that will be endangered by this reckless action; and

WHEREAS, New York State Senate bill S.5181 and New York State Assembly bill A.5338 has been introduced, an act to amend the Environmental Conservation Law to prohibit the discharge of any radiological agent into the waters of the State (including by Holtec International or any other successor to the decommissioning of the Indian Point Nuclear Power Plant) and meeting violations with fines of \$25,000 per day, \$50,000 per day for a second violation, and \$150,000 per day per violation thereafter; and

WHEREAS, we strongly support the prohibition on discharge of any radiological agents into our waters; and

WHEREAS, we believe that the fines proposed in New York State Senate bill S.5181 and New York State Assembly bill A.5338 are too low and would likely just be considered “the cost of doing and business,” so the fines should be substantially increased;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of New Castle strongly opposes the plan to release over a million gallons of contaminated water from the Indian Point Nuclear Power Plant site into the Hudson River; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of New Castle urges the passage of New York State Senate bill S.5181 and New York State Assembly bill A.5338 - an act to amend the Environmental Conservation Law to prohibit the discharge of any radiological agent into the waters of the State, and urges the New York State Governor to sign such legislation; and be it further

RESOLVED, that when drafting and finalizing such legislation, the fines should be substantially increased so that they can have an actual deterrent effect instead of simply being considered “the cost of doing business;’ and be it further

RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of New Castle hereby demands that all relevant offices and agencies, including the Office of the Governor, the New York State Public Service Commission, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, the Indian Point Decommissioning Oversight Board, and any others involved in decommissioning Indian Point take forceable and effective action to protect the public safety and the environment in addition to the issuance of press releases; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Administrator of the Town of New Castle be and she is hereby authorized and directed to send a certified copy of this resolution to the Governor of the State of New York, Honorable Kathy Hochul; New York State Senator, Pete Harckham, New York State Assemblyman Chris Burdick, New York State Assemblywoman Dana Levenberg, the Speaker of the New York State Senate and Assembly; the Majority and Minority Leaders of the New York State Senate and Assembly; the New York State Public Service Commission, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, the Indian Point Decommissioning Oversight Board; and to such other persons as the Administrator in her discretion may deem proper in order to effectuate the purpose of this resolution.

| VOTE | AYES | NAYS |
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| Supervisor Katz | X | |
| Deputy Supervisor Tipp | X | |
| Council Member Chemtob | X | |
| Council Member McCall | X | |
| Council Member Saland | X | |

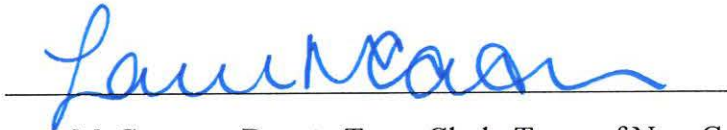
STATE OF NEW YORK)
) SS:

COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER)

I, LAUREN M, CASCONE, Deputy Town Clerk of the New Castle Town Board, New York, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing copy of this Resolution with the original on file in my office, and that the same is a true and correct transcript of said original Resolution and of the whole thereof, as duly adopted by said New Castle Town Board at a meeting duly called and held at the New Castle Town Hall, 200 South Greeley Avenue, Chappaqua, NY 10514 on May 2, 2023 by the required and necessary vote of the members to approve the Resolution.

WITNESS My Hand and the Official Seal of the Town of New Castle, New York, this 3rd day of May, 2023.

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Lauren M. Cascone, Deputy Town Clerk, Town of New Castle

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